

6:00- 6:30 Pre-Session: Engaging FNMI Parents in School Council ~ Andrea Fox

- Discussion regarding possible reasons why FNMI parents may not be involved.
 - Not feeling welcomed
 - Not comfortable
 - Experiences with racism
 - Historical relationship with Residential Schools
 - Access to transportation
 - Mistrust of education systems
 - Frustration with education systems
- Discussed the top 3 most daunting ideas or perceptions from an Indigenous standpoint about school meetings
- Assembly of First Nations www.afn.ca
- Literature Review <http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/education2/literaturereview.pdf>

Lethbridge School District #51 District School Council Minutes Monday December 3, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Roundtable introductions of members in attendance
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Locke Spencer moves to adopt the agenda as amended. Tisha Elford seconds the motion. All in favour.
3. Approval of the minutes from Nov 5, 2018
 - Shannon Pratt moves to adopt the minutes as presented. Cynthia Young seconds the motion. All in favour.
4. Business arising from Minutes
 - 4.1. District School Council Calendar of Events and Shared Opportunities
 - District Calendar is on the district website on the main page of the website.
5. Trustee Report
 - Sock it to 'em Campaign has been taken over by Volunteer Lethbridge Association this year; caretaking and maintenance staff are collecting new socks for local charities Nov 1 – Dec 15.
 - There has been a # of policies that have been reviewed. Feedback was requested via e-mail.
 - The Board approved the combined Three Year Education Plan and 2017-18 Annual Education Results Report.
 - City of Lethbridge sent a letter to Lethbridge School District No 51 thanking the Board for its letter of support to the Provincial Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.
 - A motion of Trustee remuneration, which read, “that due to recent changes in income tax regulations effective January 1, 2019, as applied to Trustees, Lethbridge School District No. 51 Board of Trustees increase their honorarium, including per diem rates, to reflect a hold harmless position in after tax dollars,” was defeated.
6. Reports from District Committees
 - 6.1. Policy Advisory Committee (Nov 21)
 - Currently working on a few policies and has already been submitted to school council chairs.

- 6.2. Poverty Intervention Committee (Nov 19)
 - 13/23 schools applied for grants and 12 were approved.
 - Ways to educate community about financial need to be able to raise some funds.
 - Trustees will be filming a 90 sec advertisement to post online to highlight the Poverty Intervention Committee.
- 6.3. Community Engagement (Nov 13)
 - Talked about the scholarship breakfast - tickets will be available online (on the district website).
 - Still looking for sponsorships.
 - Garrett presented his communication plan and how we can connect the community with the district - how can we streamline communication between parents and schools.
 - Touched on Town Hall again this meeting.
7. Alberta School Council Association – Allison Pike
 - Last week there was a curriculum teleconference across the province – plan moving forward.
 - ASCA resolutions deadline have been moved to January.
 - School Engagement Task force - School council rep? Surrounding physical activity within our youth's population.
8. Superintendent's Report- Cheryl Gilmore
 - 8.1. Lethbridge School District #51
 - ICE scholarship breakfast is scheduled for Feb 14 and tickets are available.
9. Roundtable Reports
 - Agnes Davidson had a successful Turkey Bingo and Dragon Days.
 - Coalbanks was able to provide \$250 to each classroom for educational activities. Coalbanks has booked Levi Stanford to speak on January 22; if any other school would like to book him for the same day they would receive \$200 off the cost. Contact Coalbanks school council for more information.
 - General Stewart hosted a Halloween Carnival.
 - Immanuel Christian Elementary held a successful Fall Fundraiser on Nov 17th.
 - Lakeview held a family literacy night with over 300 attendees.
 - Park Meadows Elementary held a Halloween school carnival.
10. Other Business
 - 10.1. Nicholas Sheran
 - Discussion about PD days in Oct/Nov, lots of weeks that are partial weeks and the schedule is rather disruptive. As the university has a week long break, is there way to schedule PD days around the university schedule.
 - Discussion centering around best practice for scheduling PD days.
 - 10.2. Announcement - Joy Morris
 - Parent Math Help Sessions for parents of Middle School children will commence again this year. This year will be at Gilbert Paterson from Jan 10 - Feb 7 from 6:30-7:30.
11. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: January 14, 2019